

**City of Bloomington Traffic Commission Minutes  
November 16, 2016 in the Council Chambers, City Hall**

*Traffic Commission minutes are transcribed in a summarized outline manner. Audio recordings of the meeting are available in the Planning and Transportation Department for reference.*

**Attendance**

Traffic Commission: James Batcho, Andrew Cibor, Ryan Cobine, Judi Maki, Sarah Ryterband and Joe VanDeventer

Others in Attendance: N. Carden, Enabah Laracuenta, Michael Noriega, Adam Shahrani, Neil Kopper (Staff) and Nate Nickel (Staff)

- I. Call to Order** (~5:30 PM)
- II. Approval of Minutes** – October 26, 2016. Ms. Maki motioned and Mr. Cibor seconded. **The motion passed 6-0.**
- III. Public Comment** – none.
- IV. Communications from Commission** – none
- V. Reports from Staff** - Mr. Kopper provided an update regarding the traffic data for the intersection of E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and Swain Avenue. He said that staff had no concerns with this intersection based on the data. Mr. Cibor recommended for future meetings that a simple summary recommendation would be better than a detailed traffic data analysis. Mr. Nickel said that a new time for 2017 meetings would need to be explored due to the City Council's planned 6:30 start time next year. He proposed 4:30 PM and invited the Commission to share any thoughts or concerns with staff.
- VI. Old Business** - None
- VII. New Business** –
  - A. E. 9<sup>th</sup> and Grant Streets intersection – modify stop controls and on-street parking configuration\*** - Mr. Kopper provided an overview of this request as detailed in the packet. Mr. Cobine asked about parking configuration safety options. Mr. Kopper said there were no significant issues with what was proposed. Ms. Maki asked about a 3-way stop option. Ms. Ryterband asked about two-way traffic increasing traffic speeds. Mr. Kopper said the 3 way stop wouldn't meet MUTC guidance and that stop signs are not traffic speed control devices. If speed still is an issue, the City can monitor the situation. Mr. Cobine motioned to make a positive recommendation to the City Council and Ms. Ryterband seconded. **The motion passed 6-0.**

**B. W. Moravec Way – create no parking zones\*** – Mr. Nickel presented the report. Mr. Noriega spoke in support of this request. He also said that a resident has asked for a specific handicap accessible on-street parking space. Ms. Ryterband asked how this process works. Mr. Cibor briefly explained the ADA requirements and guidelines. Discussion ensued about providing guidance for ADA on-street parking in neighborhood settings across the city. Ms. Ryterband said that the best first step would be to approve this no-parking request and then work with staff to iron out the details of both the on-street handicap accessible space request for this neighborhood and Citywide guidance with staff at a later date. Ms. Ryterband motioned to make a positive recommendation to the City Council and Mr. Cobine seconded. **The motion passed 6-0.**

**C. E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and Overhill Drive – turn restriction guidance** – Mr. Kopper presented a brief overview of the Woodscrest Drive intersection improvement. He noted it should improve the situation, but there would be no changes made at Overhill, but it does warrant the City to monitor the situation. Mr. Cobine asked about how the 3<sup>rd</sup>/Overhill intersection would be designed if built new today. Mr. Kopper detailed various access management options. Ms. Ryterband talked about designated west-bound right turn lanes on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street for the neighborhood. Ms. Maki suggested no left-turn signage for Overhill. Ms. Laracuenta spoke about the safety concerns she has for her son playing in the yard. She also mentioned road slope, visibility and traffic back-up concerns on Overhill. She asked that the Commission explore solutions to this problem. Mr. Shahrani spoke about his experiences living nearby and hearing frequent traffic accidents here. He also mentioned visibility and road slope concerns. He showed the Commission several slides from the presentation he included in the meeting packet. He asked that the City move forward with finding solutions and not wait until there are more issues. Mr. Noriega agreed that this intersection is a problem. He supports a right-turn only sign at Overhill as being a good first step. Mr. Cobine said he was very interested in finding design solutions versus structural solutions. Mr. Cibor wanted to hear more neighborhood input on the issue. Mr. Cobine said it would be best for the Commission to make a motion requesting that staff study this issue in more detail and report back with findings at a future date. Mr. Cobine motioned and Ms. Maki seconded. **The motion passed 5-0.**

#### **VIII. Traffic Inquiries – none**

#### **IX. Adjournment (~6:40 PM)**

*Next meeting – December 14, 2016*

*\*Action requested*